

ARKANSAS RAZORBACK SIGNING CLASS OF 2022

• **HIGHEST RATED RECRUITING CLASS IN SCHOOL HISTORY (CONSENSUS #2 NATION AND CONSENSUS #1 SEC)**

• **Only school with SIX on the Sports Illustrated All-American SI99. All six were also McDonald's All-American nominees.**

• **First time to sign two – much less three – 5-stars (Nick Smith Jr., Jordan Walsh and Anthony Black) in the same class**

• **In fact, Arkansas now has only signed seven, 5-stars since 2004. Smith, Walsh and Black are the only Razorback signees to rank among the ESPN top 15 (dating back to 2007).**

• **Nick Smith Jr., Jordan Walsh and Anthony Black were McDonald's All-Americans ... SMITH and WALSH were selected for the Jordan Brand Game and BLACK was picked for the Iverson Classic.**

• **Arkansas had never had a class with at least four players among the ESPN top 100 until Eric Musselman's arrival and his staff has now done so twice (class of 2020 and class of 2022).**

• **Since 2004, only four Arkansas recruiting classes have ranked among the top 10 and Musselman's staff owns two of those – class of 2020 was #5 ESPN / #9 247Sports and class of 2022 ranks #2 in ESPN, 247Sports and Rivals.**

• **Signed three MaxPreps state Players of the Year (Dunning, Smith and Walsh).**



Anthony Black
6-7, 185, G
Duncanville, Texas
Duncanville HS

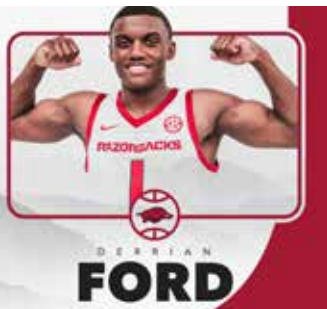
- Member of USA Basketball's 2022 USA Nike Hoop Summit Team.
- **McDONALD'S ALL-AMERICAN**
- **SELECTED FOR THE IVERSON CLASSIC**
- MaxPreps All-American (HM)
- Jersey Mike's Naismith High School Player of the Year Watch List
- #8 on the SI99 All-American list
- 247Sports ***** #14 nation #1 PG
- ESPN ***** #15 nation #8 SF
- Rivals ***** #19 nation #5 SG
- 247Composite ***** #22 nation #3 PG

- #5 on the 2023 NBA Mock Draft (#3 college player) by NBADraftRoom.com and #8 by NBADraft.net
- Rated #3 player from the state of Texas by ESPN and 247Sports (behind fellow signee Jordan Walsh)
- Earned TABC All-State honors in 2022
- Led Duncanville to the 2022 Texas 6A state championship ... Named Texas 6A State Tournament MVP thanks to scoring 17 points in the 69-49 title game win over McKinney
- 2022 District 11-6A Offensive Player of Year
- Played just 15 regular-season games as a senior due to transfer regulations, but averaged 13.5 points, 5.8 rebounds, 4.0 assists and 2.2 steals
- Duncanville was 35-1 ... In the final national polls, ranked No. 1 by MaxPreps, No. 2 in both the SB Live/Sports Illustrated Power 25 and ESPN national rankings and No. 3 in USA TODAY Sports Super 25
- Began high school career at Coppell HS where he was a second-team all-area selection as a junior ... Averaged 16.3 points, 6.8 rebounds, 3.5 assists and 2 steals per game
- **Was also a 3-Star recruit as a wide receiver getting offers from Arkansas, Baylor and Texas among others**
- His father, Terry Black, is in the Baylor Sports Hall of Fame (2015) as a standout for the Bear's basketball program ... His mother, Jennifer, played soccer at Texas and Baylor



Barry Dunning Jr.
6-6, 210, G
Mobile, Ala.
McGill-Toolen Catholic HS

- McDonald's All-American Nominee
- **Two-time Gatorade Alabama Player of the Year (2021 & '22)**
- 2022 MaxPreps Alabama Player of the Year
- #73 on the SI99 All-American list
- ESPN ***** #74 nation #21 SF
- 247Composite ***** #85 nation #21 SF
- 247Sports *** #122 nation #28 SF
- Rivals *** #134 nation #36 SF
- **Rated #1 player in the state of Alabama by ESPN, 247Composite, 247Sports**
- 2022 Alabama Mr. Basketball and 1st team All-State by the Alabama Sports Writers Association
- 2022 AL.com Coastal Alabama Player of the Year
- **Three-time 6A first-team All-State selection by ASWA**
- Twice (2021 and 2022) voted to the ASWA Super All-State Team (1 of 5 statewide players across all divisions)
- Led McGill-Toolen to the 2022 6A semifinals, posting 25 points, 18 rebounds and 3 steals in the loss
- As a senior, averaged 25.3 points and 12.9 rebounds while averaging 3.3 steals, 2.6 assists and 1.7 blocks
- Named the Alabama MVP in the 2022 Alabama-Mississippi All-Star Classic ... Finished with 22 points, 12 rebounds and 7 assists in Alabama's 96-89 victory
- Averaged 21.5 points and 11.3 rebounds per game as a junior for the Yellow Jackets ... Also recorded 3.1 assists, 2.1 steals and 1.8 blocks per game
- Has launched a non-profit that focuses on the mental health of athletes



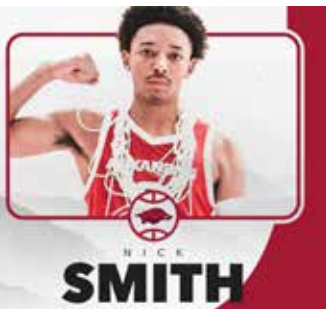
Derrian Ford
6-4, 210, G
Magnolia, Ark.
Magnolia HS

- McDonald's All-American Nominee
- **Two-time Gatorade Arkansas Player of the Year (2021 & '22)**
- #66 on the SI99 All-American list
- 247Composite ***** #57 nation #11 CG
- 247Sports ***** #60 nation #10 CG
- ESPN ***** #71 nation #12 SF
- Rivals ***** #78 nation #16 SG
- Rated #3 player in the state of Arkansas by ESPN and 247Sports
- **Two-time (2021 and 2022) Class 4A Player of the Year by the Arkansas Basketball Coaches Association**
- **Two-time (2021 and 2022) Arkansas Democrat-Gazette first team All-Arkansas Preps (all divisions)**
- Led Magnolia to three 4A state titles in four years and 102 wins over his career ... Earned 4A State Tournament MVP three times
- Was 2022 4A State Tournament MVP, scoring 29 in the title game ... Magnolia posted a perfect 30-0 record in 2022
- Averaged 23.1 points, 6.3 rebounds and 3.0 assists as a senior
- Led the Panthers to a 23-1 record and the Class 4A semifinals in 2021
- Averaged 23.2 points, 7.1 rebounds and 3.0 assists as a junior
- Class 4A State Tournament MVP as a freshman and sophomore, leading his team to back-to-back championships (2019 and 2020) ... Had 54-game win streak snapped in the 2021 4A state semifinals, falling to Morrilton
- As a sophomore, tabbed first team Arkansas All-State team by MaxPreps
- Has a 4.0 GPA



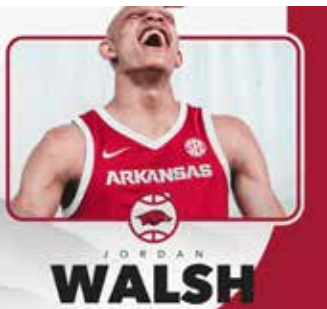
Joseph Pinion
6-6, 185, F
Morrilton, Ark.
Morrilton HS

- McDonald's All-American Nominee
- #95 on the SI99 All-American list
- 247Composite **** #88 nation #23 SF
- ESPN **** #89 nation #17 SG
- Rivals **** #131 nation #33 SF
- 247Sports *** #136 nation #33 SF
- **Two-time (2021 and 2022) Arkansas Democrat-Gazette first team All-Arkansas Preps (all divisions)**
- 2022 runner-up for Class 4A Player of the Year by the Arkansas Basketball Coaches Association
- **Two-time first team 4A All-State selection (2021 and 2022)**
- As a senior, averaged 24.3 points, 9.0 rebounds, 2.7 steals and 2.1 blocked shots while shooting 88% from the free throw line.
- Played for Arkansas vs Tennessee in the ninth annual Mike Conley Challenge
- Led Morrilton to the 2021 Class 4A title game as a junior
- Averaged 17.2 points, 6.4 rebounds, 3 assists, 2 steals and 1 block per game as a junior ... Shot 58% from two-point range, 40 percent from three and 74 percent at the free throw line
- As a sophomore, averaged 18 points, 7.9 rebounds, 1.3 assists, 1.6 steals and 1.4 steals ... As a freshman, averaged 12.3 points, 4.4 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 steal and 1 block



Nick Smith Jr.
6-5, 185, G
North Little Rock, Ark.
North Little Rock HS

- Member of USA Basketball's 2022 USA Nike Hoop Summit Team
- **1 of 5 FINALIST FOR THE JERSEY'S MIKE'S NAISMITH HS BOYS PLAYER OF THE YEAR**
- **McDONALD'S ALL-AMERICAN**
- **SELECTED FOR THE JORDAN BRAND CLASSIC** and was **named co-MVP** as he scored 27 points (5-of-7 3PT) with four assists and three rebounds.
- **CONSENSUS 1ST TEAM ALL-AMERICAN:**
- Jersey Mike's Naismith
- MaxPreps
- Sports Illustrated
- **Two-time (2021 and 2022) MaxPreps Arkansas High School Basketball Player of the Year**
- #2 on the SI99 All-American list
- Rivals ***** #2 nation #1 PG
- ESPN ***** #3 nation #1 SG
- 247Sports ***** #5 nation #1 CG
- 247Composite ***** #6 nation #2 CG
- 1 of the top 3-highest rated players to ever sign with Arkansas trailing Corliss Williamson (ranked #1 or #2 by all the recruiting services) and Al Jefferson (ranked #3 by 247Sports and #4 by Rivals in 2004).
- #3 in the 2023 NBA Mock Draft (#1 college player) by both ESPN and NBADraftRoom.com
- Consensus #1 player from Arkansas by the recruiting websites
- **Two-time Arkansas Democrat-Gazette All-Arkansas Preps (all divisions) Player of the Year (2021 and 2022)**
- As a senior, averaged 26.5 points, 8.0 rebounds and 7.3 assists
- Named **6A championship MVP** as he led North Little Rock (27-3) to the state title ... Scored 25 points with six rebounds and five assists in the 65-47 win over Bentonville in the final ... Added 24 points and eight assists in the 58-40 semifinals vs LR Central
- In the summer of 2021, led Brad Beal Elite AAU team to a 6-2 record and the finals of Peach Jam while averaging 18.6 points, 3 rebounds and 3 assists per game ... Scored 31 points (10-of-18 shooting) in the championship game and became the first player since NBA star Michael Porter Jr. to score more than 30 in the finals
- As a junior, averaged 25 points, 5 rebounds and 4 assists
- 2020 Arkansas Democrat-Gazette All-Arkansas Preps Underclassman of the Year ... Averaged 21.3 points, 3 rebounds and 3 steals
- Played at Sylvan Hills as a junior and sophomore



Jordan Walsh
6-7, 200, F
Desoto, Texas
Link Year (Mo.) Academy

- **McDONALD'S ALL-AMERICAN**
- **SELECTED FOR THE JORDAN BRAND CLASSIC**
- **All-American:**
- MaxPreps (3rd team)
- Sports Illustrated (3rd team)
- Jersey Mike's Naismith (HM)
- 2022 MaxPreps Missouri High School Basketball Player of the Year
- #25 on the SI99 All-American list
- ESPN ***** #11 nation #4 SF
- 247Composite ***** #18 nation #5 SF
- 247Sports ***** #20 nation #6 SF
- Rivals ***** #24 nation #7 SF
- **Rated #1 player from Texas by ESPN and #2 in the state by 247Sports**
- #11 on the 2023 NBA Mock Draft (#9 college player) by NBADraftRoom.com
- As a senior, averaged 15.3 points, 7.2 rebounds and 3.1 assists
- Link Academy was runner-up in the GEICO Nationals ... Beat Oak Hill (81-67) and Prolific Prep (60-53) to reach the finals ... Lost to Montverde Academy (60-49) in the championship ... Versus Oak Hill, was 9-of-10 FG and scored 23 points with eight rebounds and seven assists ... In the semis, had 17 points (5-8 FG, 6-6 FT) with seven rebounds and three steals
- 2021 4A All-State as named by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches
- In the summer of 2021, played for Drive Nation program on the Nike EYBL circuit and averaged 12.3 points, 7.4 points and 3.3 assists while shooting better than 50% inside the arc ... Tallied three double-doubles, including a 17-point, 10-rebound, 4-assist effort
- As a junior at Oak Cliff's Faith and Family Academy, averaged 18 points, 11 rebounds, five assists, 2.4 steals and 2.3 blocks per game for a squad that finished 25-6 and advanced to the Class 4A state semifinals
- Also led the Eagles to the state semifinals as a sophomore before the remainder of the state tournament was canceled due to COVID-19
- As a freshman, led Faith and Family to a 36-6 record and its first Class 4A state title ... In fact, his dunk just before the final buzzer provided the 53-51 victory against Liberty Hill

ARKANSAS' HIGHEST RANKED RECRUITING CLASSES

ESPN	National / SEC
2022	2 / 1
2020	5 / 3
2011	9 / 2
2008	11 / 2
2013	18 / 4
2009	25 / 4
247	National / SEC
2022	2 / 1
2004	4 / 2
2011	8 / 2
2020	9 / 4
2013	19 / 4
2009	25 / 4
2008	20 / 7

ARKANSAS' HIGHEST RANKED RECRUITS

(from available records)

NOTE: CORLISS WILLIAMSON – the 1991 and 1992 Gatorade National Player of the Year – was ranked either 1 or 2 in all the recruiting services.

Complete ranking information is only available starting in 2005 for 247Sports and 2007 by ESPN

ESPN	Year	Rank	Stars
Nick Smith Jr.	2022	3	*****
Jordan Walsh	2022	11	*****
Anthony Black	2022	15	*****
Bobby Portis	2013	16	*****
B.J. Young	2011	16	*****
Rashad Madden	2011	36	****
Moses Kingsley	2013	43	****
Moses Moody	2020	45	****
Daniel Gafford	2017	47	****
247 COMPOSITE	Year	Rank	Stars
Al Jefferson	2004	3*	*****
Nick Smith Jr.	2022	6	*****
Bobby Portis	2013	17	*****
Jordan Walsh	2022	18	*****
Olu Famutimi	2003	19	*****
B.J. Young	2011	21	*****
Anthony Black	2022	22	*****
Ronnie Brewer	2003	32	****
Daniel Gafford	2017	39	****
Steven Hill	2004	35	****
Rashad Madden	2011	43	****
Charles Thomas	2004	44	****
Moses Moody	2020	46	****
Moses Kingsley	2013	49	****

* - signed but opted for NBA draft out of HS

FINAL HIGH SCHOOL NATIONAL POLLS

- MAXPREPS**
- Duncanville (Anthony Black)
 - North Little Rock (Nick Smith Jr.)
- USA TODAY**
- Duncanville (Anthony Black)
 - Link Academy (Jordan Walsh)
 - North Little Rock (Nick Smith Jr.)
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